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**Sturgeon frenzy  
in San Pablo Bay!**

**Cordell Bank lings  
chow down on jigs**

**Snow buries  
Sierra lakes**

**HUNTING COVERAGE:**

- Quail hunters shift gears
- Full waterfowl refuge counts

**Rains don't slow Chabot trout**

(Photo by Don Vachini)

**WORLD RECORD** holder. Angela Vachini prepares to release a small rainbow back into its domain — hopefully to hook up with it again when it is much larger. Not only Angela, but most members of the Vachini family hold a number of line-class world records. Read her story, and everything else hunting and fishing, inside this issue of *Western Outdoor News*, California's only weekly sportsman's publication.





# Freshwater line class records all in the family

By DON VACHINI  
Special to Western Outdoor News

HAYWARD — In what was previously an all-male affair, outdoor writer Don Vachini and his 3 sons, Chris, Matt and Jason, accumulated over 30 line and tipped class world records over a 9-year span. Not to be left out, however, Don's daughter, Angela Vachini, set about changing that fact, primarily by doing her homework.

With the realization that the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame (HOF), one of 2 organizations which sanctions angling world records, recently added a widely celebrated catch-and-release division, 14-year-old Angela set her sights on the record books in earnest.

First researching, then targeting a trio of vacancies in the rainbow

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trout category, she and her dad hiked into the Eastern Sierra's rugged Hoover Wilderness near Bridgeport. There on a small brush creek, she struck it rich, first landing a bright 16 incher on 15-pound line and, a bit later, another heavily-spotted 17 incher on 25-pound line. These 2 trophies enabled her to join her father and brothers as world record holders. Together the fishin' Vachini's family ledger currently totals an amazing 38 line or tippet marks in golden, brook and rainbow trout species!

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